

Capital Improvements Committee
March 14, 2011

Item No. 1: Roll Call: City Administrator Dean Kruithof, Alderman Rick Todd, Alderwoman Cris Bohinc, and Michael Pinkley. Also present were Utilities Director Mike Ray, City Engineer/Public Works Director David Miller, and Assistant Public Works Director Keith Francis.

Item No. 2: Meeting called to order 10:30 a.m. Alderman Todd chaired the meeting due to Mayor Presley's absence.

Item No. 3: 5-Year Capital Budget Update. Mr. Miller explained that signage materials have been ordered and that the Highway 248/Business 65 bid letting is set for April 20, 2011.

Item No. 4: Equipment/Vehicle Purchase Update. Mr. Francis stated that the vehicles are out to bid for the different departments. Bids are scheduled to be received on Friday March 18, 2011. He stated that the tractor with cutter was not included in the bid and that it was originally budgeted at \$76,000, but that his department contacted Greene County and they have a relatively high quality tractor with about 74,000 miles for a cost of \$7,600 which will save the city \$70,000. It is a New Holland brand and could be received mid-June.

Alderman Todd suggested that the city consider bidding and purchasing hybrid vehicles. Mr. Francis stated that he had checked prices and that the hybrids run about five to eight thousand dollars more but those costs may be offset by fuel savings over the life of vehicle. Mr. Francis explained that the vehicles to be replaced are the existing Expedition with over 100,000 miles and a truck in the public works department that currently has no transmission. It's replacement will be a vehicle that will include heavier bearings for use with plowing and spreading. He stated that the city is also replacing a 4x4 with 143,000 miles, a 2-wheel drive vehicle, a 2002 mid-size Ranger for the Planning Department, an existing flat bed truck and an SUV with approximately 100,000 miles which is an emergency response vehicle that should have been replaced at 80,000 miles. Mr. Ray stated that the hydro-vac vehicle was not included in the bid as the utilities department is currently researching prices due to the more specialized equipment needed such as water spray, vacuum and flusher. He stated that this will be purchased later in the year. Alderwoman Bohinc thanked Mr. Francis for work on bids and vehicle replacement policy. Alderman Todd stated that the more information provided when presenting to council will assist staff as well as citizens.

Item No. 5: Capital Project Status Update. Mr. Miller explained the update report to committee members. He stated that the change orders on the Lift Station 30 project are less than 1% and that Compton Wastewater Treatment Plant project is 64% complete at this time, but staff may be looking at possible liquidated damages as the contractor is behind schedule. Alderman Todd inquired if the city can raise liquidated damages on the next project that we bid. Mr. Kruithof stated that the bid process for projects is lowest and best bid.

Alderman Todd inquired about a foul smell on Fall Creek Road. Mike Ray explained that the utilities department is currently bidding sludge odor control to replace the carbon in the basins at the wastewater treatment plant and should help with smell.

Mr. Kruithof stated that Mr. Ray and Mrs. Helle are analyzing extra revenues from the water meter change outs. Alderwoman Bohinc complimented Mr. Francis on the Regions Bank sidewalk and appreciated the connection now from historic downtown to Branson Landing.

Mr. Pinkley inquired if there are additional funds for improving the ramps on Highway 76. Mr. Kruithof replied affirmatively. He stated that the city always budgets for sidewalk and pedestrian improvements. Staff is researching the possibility of matching funds from MoDOT for concrete improvements. He stated that this will be a multi-year project beginning in 2012 that will cost approximately \$400 Thousand Dollars with the city matching 40%. He further stated that he has been discussing with State Representative Billy Long and Roy Blunt's office for the possibility of federal funds. Mr. Pinkley discussed options for decorative concrete design and including underground power lines in those improvements.

Mr. Francis reported to the committee that new stormwater requirements will ensue with the new census numbers. He stated that one of the requirements concerns the density of the population per square mile. Mr. Francis explained that when all stormwater flows to a certain body of water that may be on the 303 list of endangered waters then MS4 permits are required and that there are timeline stipulations required as a result of the application process.

Alderman Todd stated that he realizes that there are advantages as well as disadvantages due to the census numbers.

Mr. Kruithof informed the committee that there will be a special meeting of the Board of Alderman on Thursday, March 17th so that the contract for the aerial photography can be approved in order to take advantage of the good weather and advised the committee that Pictometry could possibly fly this weekend.

Alderman Todd inquired about the city's storm water improvement priority list and Mr. Miller replied that a report will be forthcoming. Mr. Pinkley stated that he heard that the City of Columbia is issuing waivers on stormwater to new developments and wondered if this might be something that our city would advise. Alderman Todd stated that his understanding of the comprehensive master plan is that there will be incentives to developers and builders and the plan will identify methods to attract new businesses to include a stormwater policy as well as a tree policy for new development. Mr. Kruithof stated that cities were not actually waiving stormwater requirements, but actually doing the work. He suggested that the city never consider going less on policies and procedures. Mr. Miller explained to the committee that the city doesn't require detention along Lake Taneycomo.

Item No. 6: Overlay/Microsurfacing Update. Mr. Miller explained that Mr. Francis has been working on a construction estimate for FY2011 for the overlay and microsurfacing. Mr. Miller stated that there are 5 projects that have been targeted and they are:

1. Mill and 2" overlay of Branson Hills Parkway
2. Mill and 2" overlay of Neihardt Avenue
3. Mill and 2" overlay of Skaggs Roundabout at Branson Landing Boulevard due to alligator cracking
4. Patch and repair of Green Mountain Drive
5. Microsurfacing of Truman Drive, Main St. and Commercial St.

These projects estimate cost is approximately \$599,000. Mr. Francis stated that he has spoken with a couple of the area contractors so the above amount includes a 10% contingency due to the rising petroleum prices. Alderwoman Bohinc inquired as to working hours for the Commercial Street and Main Street repairs. Mr. Francis replied that overnight hours would be used to decrease the congestion during daylight hours. Alderwoman Bohinc reminded staff that 4 parking spaces have already been lost due to the trolley stop so the less disruption the better. Mr. Francis thanked Alderwoman Bohinc for her concern. He also stated that he had received a letter from one of the city's suppliers stating that crack sealing material costs would increase 15-20% due to petroleum prices.

Alderwoman Bohinc questioned if the removal of the trees downtown are budgeted in the capital budget. Mr. Miller replied that tree removal will be paid out of the public works street department operating budget. Mr. Miller stated that there is one other area that staff is recommended for paving and that is the area for the glass recycler. Alderwoman Bohinc inquired if grant funds would be used for this work and Mr. Miller answered, "no". Mr. Pinkley made the motion to add the parking area for the glass recycler, seconded by Alderwoman Bohinc. Mr. Kruithof suggested that staff provide a map showing projects completed, current projects and future projects for overlay/microsurfacing to keep them apprised. Alderwoman Bohinc stated that she would like to see these projects divided into the different wards. Vote taken, all approved, none opposed – motion carried.

Miscellaneous: Mr. Miller explained that an engineer is under contract to monitor the traffic signals coming off the new Taneycomo Bridge onto Branson Landing Boulevard. He advised the committee that a large radar sign will be set up at Long Street to monitor traffic speeds. He further stated that he and Assistant Police Chief Steve Dalton had met with Bass Pro concerning boats and trailers traveling onto Branson Landing Boulevard and that a meeting has been set with the railroad later this week. Mr. Francis advised the committee that it will be a long process to obtain permit for sidewalk improvement over railroad and that it will cost between \$25 - \$28 Thousand Dollars for permit fee. Alderman Todd suggested staff look at Main St. traffic signal at the railroad tracks. He stated that he stopped there the other day and where the sign has "No Right Turn on Red" he noticed that the Landing street lights change colors at the same time as the signal and may possible cause confusion at the intersection. Alderwoman Bohinc stated that she had received a phone call from the owner of Simply Barbara and she is concerned about a pothole that needs filled. Some discussion ensued concerning planning and preparation of tree removal downtown.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.